

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN JESUS HERNANDEZ,) No. C 11-02137 EJD (PR)
Petitioner,) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
vs.) DISMISS; DENYING CERTIFICATE
R. LOPEZ, Warden,) OF APPEALABILITY
Respondent.)
_____) (Docket No. 10)

Petitioner, a state prisoner incarcerated at the California State Prison in Corcoran, has filed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging his state conviction. Respondent has moved to dismiss the petition as a second or successive petition. (Docket No. 10.) Petitioner filed opposition. For the reasons discussed below, the Court grants Respondent's motion to dismiss.

BACKGROUND

According to the petition, a Santa Clara County jury in 2001 convicted Petitioner of possession of a firearm, possession of ammunition, and being a three strikes offender. (Pet. at 2.) Petitioner was sentenced to twenty-five years to life in state prison. (Id.) Petitioner appealed the conviction, with the state appellate court

1 ultimately affirmed on July 22, 2004. (Mot. to Dismiss at 2; Ex. 2.) Petitioner did not
 2 seek direct review in the state high court. Rather, on April 20, 2004, Petitioner filed a
 3 habeas petition with the California Supreme Court, which denied the petition without
 4 comment on March 16, 2005. (Id., Ex. 4.) Petitioner filed a second habeas petition in
 5 the state high court on June 23, 2005, which the court denied on May 10, 2006. (Id.,
 6 Ex. 6.)

7 On June 27, 2006, Petitioner filed a federal petition for writ of habeas corpus in
 8 this Court, raising five claims which were denied on the merits on April 22, 2008.
 9 Hernandez v. Woodford, No. 06-3975 WHA (PR) (N.D. Cal.). (Id., Ex. 8.)

10 On April 29, 2009, Petitioner filed another petition for writ of habeas corpus in
 11 the California Supreme Court, which denied the petition on September 17, 2009. (Id.,
 12 Ex. 10.) On February 16, 2011, the state high court denied another habeas petition
 13 filed on July 14, 2010. (Id., Ex. 12.)

14 Petitioner filed the instant federal habeas petition on April 14, 2011.¹

16 DISCUSSION

17 A claim presented in a second or successive petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254
 18 that was presented in a prior petition must be dismissed. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(1);
 19 Babbitt v. Woodford, 177 F.3d 744, 745-46 (9th Cir. 1999). A new factual basis for a
 20 claim previously presented is not sufficient to prevent it from falling under this
 21 section. See id. at 746 (ineffective assistance claim based on counsel's alcohol abuse
 22 successive of claim that counsel failed to present Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 23 claim). Before a second or successive petition may be filed in the district court, the
 24 petitioner must first obtain an order from the court of appeals authorizing the district
 25 court to consider the petition. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). Accordingly, a district
 26 court must dismiss any new claims raised in a successive petition unless the petitioner

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 28 ¹ This matter was transferred to this Court on April 26, 2011, from the Eastern
 District of California. (See Docket No. 3.)

1 received an order from the court of appeals authorizing the district court to consider
2 the petition. See id. § 2244(b)(2).

3 Respondent contends that the instant petition is second or successive because
4 Petitioner filed a prior habeas petition in this Court, see Hernandez v. Woodford, No.
5 06-3975 WHA (PR) (N.D. Cal.), on June 27, 2006, which challenged the same
6 underlying state conviction. (Mot. to Dismiss at 2.) In that case, the court denied all
7 five claims presented on the merits. (Id., Ex. 8.) Because Petitioner has made no
8 showing that he obtained prior leave from the Ninth Circuit to file a successive
9 petition, Respondent contends this Court has no jurisdiction to consider Petitioner's
10 renewed application for relief, and must dismiss the petition. (Id. at 4.)

11 In opposition, Petitioner does not deny that he filed a previous federal habeas
12 petition as shown by Respondent, nor does he deny that the instant petition is second
13 or successive. Rather, Petitioner contends that his petition is not untimely nor
14 procedurally barred, and asserts his claims merit review. (Docket No. 19.) None of
15 his contentions are sufficient to overcome the second and successive provisions of
16 AEDPA which are applicable under United States v. Villa-Gonzalez, 208 F.3d 1160,
17 1163 (9th Cir. 2000), such that an authorization order from the court of appeals is
18 necessary before this Court may consider the instant successive petition. See 28
19 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2).

20 Petitioner has not presented an order from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
21 authorizing this Court to consider any new claims. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). It
22 is undisputed that Petitioner's first petition was denied on the merits on April 22,
23 2008. See supra at 2. Accordingly, this Court must dismiss the instant petition in its
24 entirety.

25 26 CONCLUSION

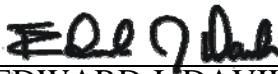
27 For the foregoing reasons, Respondent's motion to dismiss the petition as a
28 second or successive petition, (Docket No. 10), is GRANTED. The instant petition is

1 DISMISSED as a successive petition pursuant to § 2244 (b)(1).

2 No certificate of appealability is warranted in this case. See Rule 11(a) of the
3 Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, 28 U.S.C. foll. § 2254 (requiring district court to rule
4 on certificate of appealability in same order that denies petition). Petitioner has not
5 shown “that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid
6 claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it
7 debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.” Slack v.
8 McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

9 This order terminates Docket No. 10.

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11 DATED: 8/31/2012


12 EDWARD J. DAVILA
13 United States District Judge

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2 JOHN JESUS HERNANDEZ,
3 Plaintiff,
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12 R. LOPEZ et al,
13 Plaintiff,
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Defendant.
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18 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S.
19 District Court, Northern District of California.
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